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C O N F I D E N T I A L MILAN 1280

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SUBJECT: SOVIET CONSULATE MILAN

SUMMARY: NEW SOVIET CONSULATE GENERAL OPENED IN MILAN WITH
THREE OFFICER STAFF IN TEMPORARY QUARTERS. CONSUL GENERAL
IS IMPRESSIVE CAREER OFFICER OF 60. END SUMMARY.

1. SOVIETS OPENED CONSULATE GENERAL IN MILAN IN APRIL 1978
AND ON AUGUST 21 SET UP TEMPORARY SHOP AT VIA MELCHIROE GIOIA
55/B, TELEPHONE 692605/6. THESE QUARTERS ARE RENTED FROM SOVIET
TRADING COMPANY STANITALIANA WHICH OCCUPIES OTHER PARTS
OF BUILDING.

2. CONSUL GENERAL IS PAVEL MEDVEDAVSKI, WITH RANK OF MINISTER
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PLENIPENTIARY AND CONSUL GENERAL. WHEN MEDVEDAVSKI ARRIVED
IN SPRING HE WAS ALONE EXCEPT FOR HIS WIFE AND SOVIET
DRIVER. TODAY HE INTRODUCED ANATOIJI KOUZNETSOV, ABOUT
30, AS CONSUL AND ANNOUNCED THAT A THIRD OFFICER IS ALSO
WITH HIM - ALEKSANDRE JELEZIKOU, ATTACHE'. I WAS ALSO
GREETED BY A FOURTH YOUNG MAN OF ABOUT 28 WHO HAS BEEN IN
MILAN, HE SAID, SEVERAL MONTHS AND LOOKS LIKE SECURITY MAN.

3. MEDVEDOVSKI IS VERY IMPRESSIVE DIPLOMAT SPEAKING S-4 ITALIAN. SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN WW II HIS HANDS ARE PARTIALLY CRIPPLED. A ROUNDISH, HUMEROUS, QUICK AND WELL INFORMED OFFICER OF ABOUT 5'10" WHO WEARS GLASSES, HE IS NO APOLOGIST FOR SOVIET POLICIES BUT A PLAIN SPOKEN ADVOCATE. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS HE HAS SHOWN A DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF US QUESTIONS CONCERNING ITALY AND USSR. HE IS NOT ON DEFENSIVE ABOUT LACK OF FREE PRESS OR FREE SOVIET INSTITUTIONS. DURING JULY 4 RECEPTION, IN FACT, HE ASTONISHED ONE OF ITALY'S MOST POWERFUL PUBLISHERS, MONDADORI, BY LEADING OFF CONVERSATION WITH QUESTION WHETHER HE REALLY BELIEVED IN A FREE PRESS.

4. MEDVEDOVSKI SAYS THAT HE WAS MINISTER COUNSELLOR IN SOVIET EMBASSY ROME IN 1967 AND HAS SERVED ENTIRE CAREER IN SOUTHERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS (FRANCE, IBERIA, ITALY). HE CLAIMS NO PERSONAL INTEREST IN TRADE BUT SAYS HE WILL BE PROMOTING IT WITH EXPECTED STAFF IN MILAN.

5. IN EARLY DISCUSSIONS, HE HAS GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO ATTACK RED BRIGADES, TO PRAISE MORO WITH WHOM HE HAD WORKED ON SOME OCCASION, AND TO NEEDLE US ABOUT JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT ON JEWISH EMIGRATION.

6. MEDVEDOVSKI SAYS HE WAS BORN IN LENINGRAD IN 1918 WHERE HE DID MOST OF HIS ACADEMY WORK IN THE LIBERAL ARTS. ATTENDED SOVIET CONFIDENTIAL

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DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY, SERVED IN ROME AND MOST RECENTLY IN THE FIRST OFFICE OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

7. KOUZMETSOV APPEARS TO SPEAK ITALIAN AT ABOUT AN S-2 LEVEL AND THE SECURITY MAN ABOUT THE SAME.

8. A PHOTOGRAPH OF MEDVEDOVSKI FOLLOWS BY POUCH.

9. ANY BIO DETAILS THAT DEPT OR MOSCOW MAY HAVE OR POSSIBLE MATTERS TO CONSIDER ABOUT SOVIET GROUP HERE WOULD BE WELCOME. FINA

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